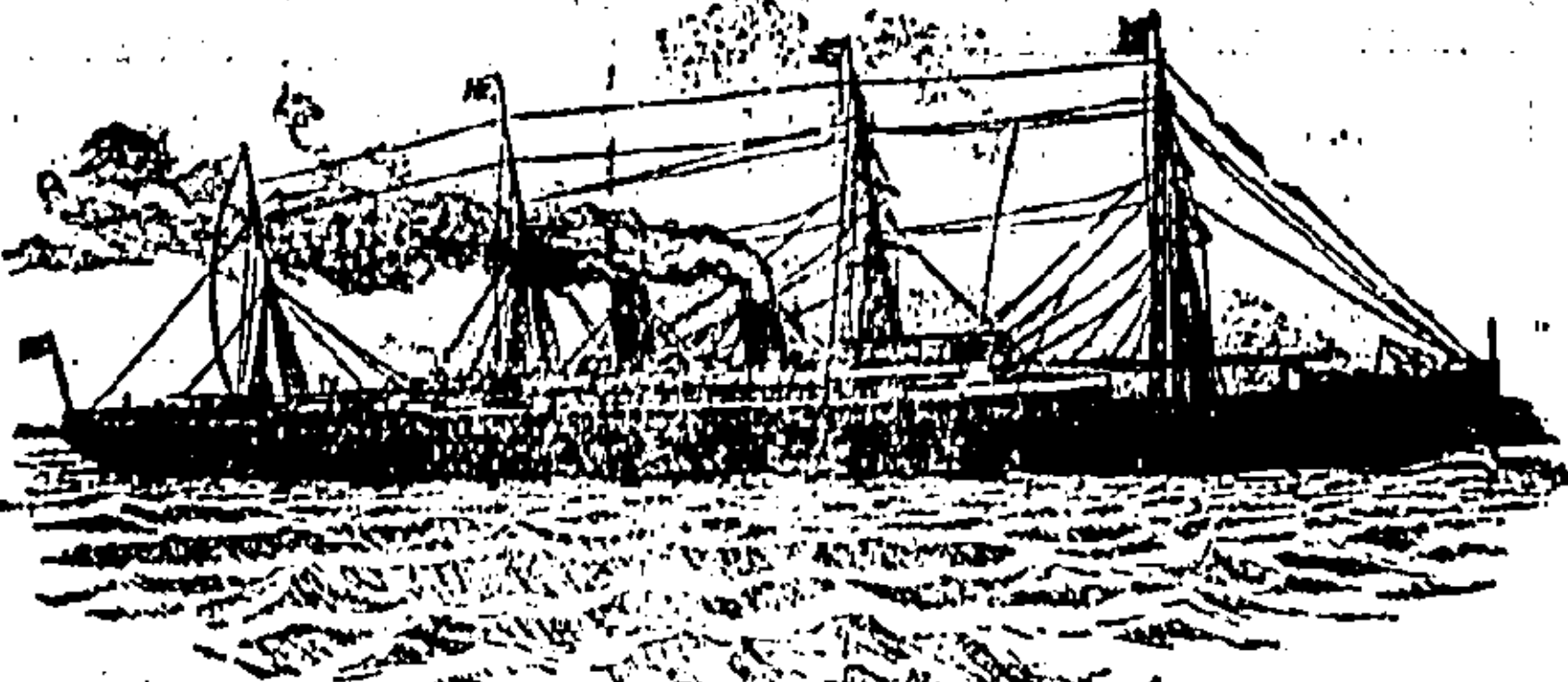


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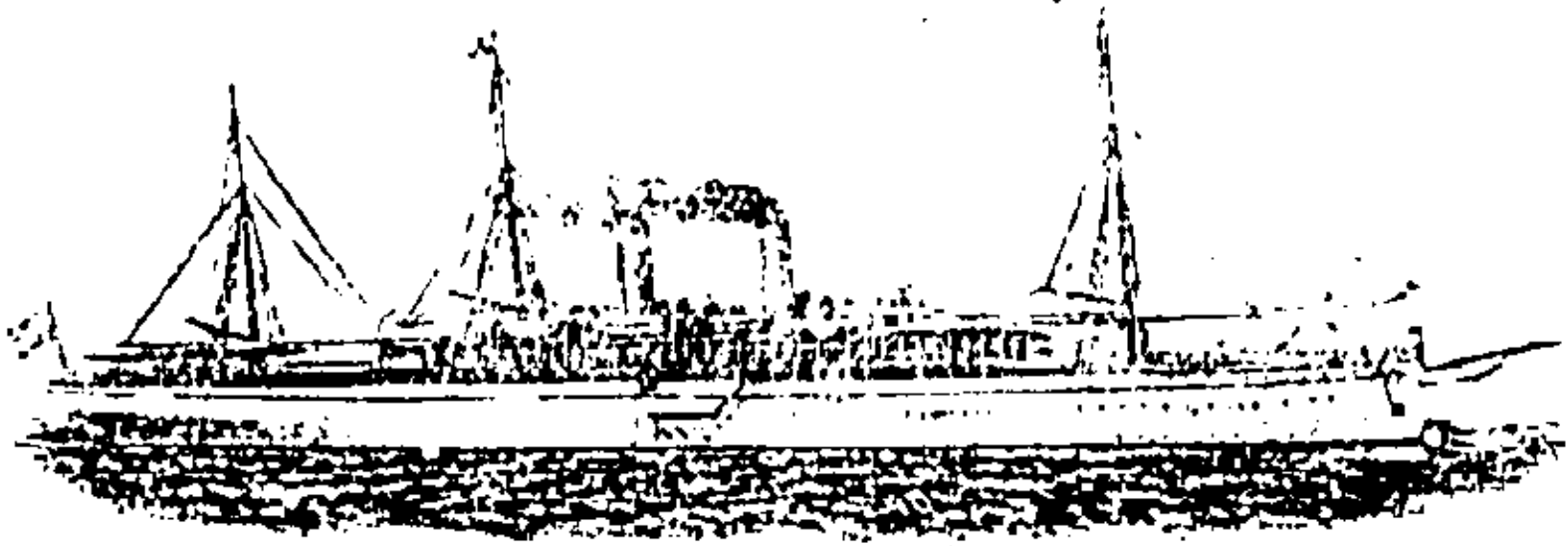
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Hongkong, 10th February, 1904.

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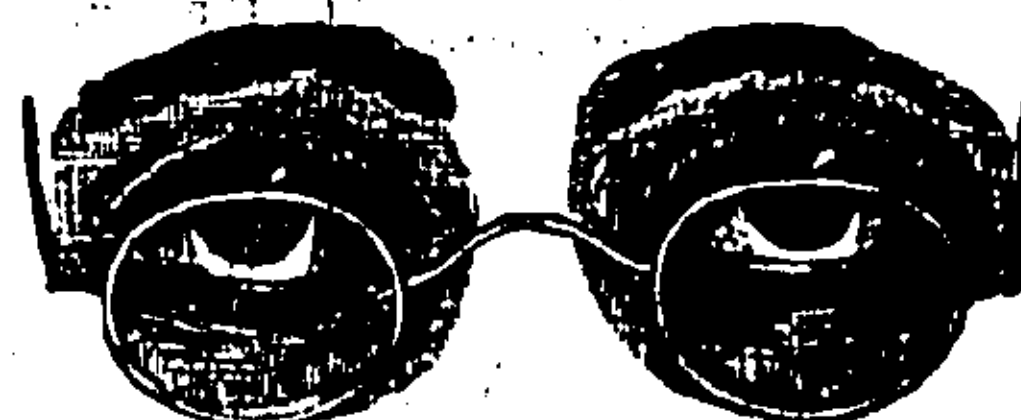
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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL
on FRIDAY, the 19th February, at 5.30 o'clock
P.M., for the purpose of passing the Accounts
for the Year 1903, and electing a Committee
and Officers for the Present Year.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1904.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN-
ARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY,
at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Court of Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the RE-
GISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,
the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, (both
days inclusive), during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company, will be
held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's
Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH,
1904, at 12 o'clock (NOON) to receive a State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and
the Report of the General Managers and to
elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th February to
the 5th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1904.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF HONGKONG.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSUR-
ANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED
for the Transaction of Public Business
TO-MORROW and WEDNESDAY, the 16th
and 17th instant, respectively.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification
No. 74 of 5th February, 1904, the EX-
CHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW
and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th instant,
respectively.

By Order,
J. D. LOGAN,
Director.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

NOTICE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SHOW of
FANCY and Other PIGEONS will be
held at the KOWLOON HOTEL on the 17th
and 18th FEBRUARY, 1904. This Show
was a great Success last year and was visited
by His Excellency the late Governor, Sir HENRY
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ages. Admission to the ground will be free.
So also all the Entries sent in. Prizes will be
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Mr. R. DAVY, Kowloon Hotel. All Exhibits
will be carefully looked after by experienced
Assistants.

Birds intended for Sale should be marked
in Plain Figures and will be sold by
the Hon. Secretary.

The Entries are open to Chinese,
J. D. LOGAN,
Director.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Offices of the Company, Queen's Building,
New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February,
1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors and the
Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,
1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd
February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY),
23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND
STAND and ENCLOSURE may be
obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.,
or at the Gate. Price 5s for the Meeting
(excluding the Off-Day) or 3s per day.
Tickets for the Off-Day, 2s.
No one admitted without a Ticket to be
shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure
of the presence of the LADIES at the
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the Races on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th
instant.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved
for Members and Members' Wives and Families.
Tickets for which will be sent out with
Members' Tickets after MONDAY, 15th instant.
All Tickets must be produced to get
admission.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside
the ENCLOSURE of the RACE
COURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT
TICKETS which can be had on application to
the Undersigned between MONDAY, 15th
and SATURDAY, 20th instant.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date and until after the 27th
FEBRUARY next HORSES and
PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOM-
ING RACES will not be allowed on the Race
or TRAINING COURSE between the Hours
6 and 8 A.M.

Members may exercise unentered Horses
Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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TELEPHONE, 532.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-MORROW being Chinese New Year's Day
there will be no issue of the Hongkong
Telegraph.

THE Fire Brigaded was summoned to the
Eastern district shortly before half-past seven
last evening, where it was found that a false
alarm had been raised in Queen's Street.

THE following is the return of visitors to the
City Hall Library and Museum for the week
ending 14th February, 1904:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese	229	108
Chinese	95	2,750
Total	324	2,858

THE Tung Wen Hu Pao learns that the
Educational Bureau in Kwangtung has petitioned
Viceroy Tsen Chun-huan to send Chinese
students abroad. The proposed number is
forty, half of whom are to be sent to Europe
and America. The students are to be selected
by competitive examination.

THE Peninsular and Oriental liner *Mongolia*
arrived at Plymouth on 15th inst. on her maiden
voyage. Crossing the Bay of Biscay a hurricane
was experienced, the heavy seas sweeping away
the port companion ladders. Several port holes
were smashed, while a slight damage was
done. Many of the crew, European as well as
native, were injured in the gale.

At the Police Court on Saturday, the magis-
trates discharged the proprietor and barman of
"The Land We Live In," who had been sum-
moned for aiding two men of H.M.S. *Cressy*
to desert. Mr. Sercombe Smith pointed out
that while the conduct of Frieman was sus-
picious, there was not sufficient evidence to
convict upon. There was some reasonable
excuse for Taylor as he was an American and
did not know that British men-of-war's men
were not allowed to wear anything but their
service clothes, even when on leave, or to leave
the Colony.

THE A. D. C. AT THE CITY HALL.

"HIS EXCELLENCY."

There was a crowded audience at the Theatre
Royal on Saturday evening to witness the
performance of *His Excellency*, a comic opera
by W. S. Gilbert and Dr. Osmond Carr. There
is little that can be said in favour of the play
itself, which is singularly weak in music, libretto
and plot, and great credit is due to our amate-
urs for the fact that, with such small aid from
the authors of the piece they interpreted, they
nevertheless succeeded in frequently provoking
the applause of the numerous spectators. The
music of *His Excellency* is completely lacking
in that brightness and swing one expects to find
in a comic opera; there are no airs that can be
called catchy or sprightly, and to the listener it
seems that its composer must have sought inspi-
ration from our old-time nursery rhymes in order
to secure the impression of monotonous sameness
which his work produces. Of the plot, which
is of the thinnest, there is little to be said, and
then can be no doubt that only first-rate acting
can put any interest into the play. It is certain
that, as a musical and dramatic creation, *His
Excellency* is not likely to live any length of
time. The leading roles were well filled.
Lieut. Davidson, R.A., was very good indeed as
Lieut. Davidson, the Governor. Mr. George
Lammert as *Earling*, the sculptor, and Dr.
Hall-Wright as *Torlenson*, a young physician,
did exceedingly well; though the first is
somewhat stiff in his delivery and the second
lacked sentiment, which was probably due to
a slight timidity on his part. A special men-
tion should be made of Mr. Phillips, who, at
very short notice, undertook the part of *Dame
Cortland* and made of it a great success. His
humour is excellent and he succeeded in fre-
quently provoking the hearty laughter of the
spectators. Surgeon Leigh Norris, R.N., and
Captain Busho, R.A. are to be complimented for
the performance of their parts as the *Syndic* and
the *Prince Regent*. Surgeon R. R. Horley, R.N.,
was excellent in the rôle of the corporal of
Hussars. Of the ladies, Mrs. Hall-Wright and
Mrs. Hagen, as *Nanna* and *Theresa*, the daughters
of the Governor, both acted exceedingly well,
their singing, dancing and *jeu de scène* being
of the first order. Mrs. Craddock was a charming
Christiana, and her fine voice found appropriate
scope in the rôle of the ballad singer. Misses
F. Maitland and Hazel were good as *Blanca*
and *Elva*. The acting and singing by the
members of the chorus are praise-worthy in
many respects.

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the extreme, though there is some justice in
the ballet. Dances and scenery were of the
best, as was also the music, provided by an
orchestra of local amateurs, aided by some of the
bandmen from the Sherwood Foresters. Mr.
E. W. Mitchell is to be highly complimented
for the success of his arduous duties as Stage
Manager. The A. D. C. can be congratulated
on having scored a success entirely due to their
own efforts.

MARRIAGE OF HON. GERSHON
STEWART

AT SHANGHAI.

A very pretty wedding took place at Holy
Trinity Cathedral on 9th inst., reports the
N. C. D. News, when Mr. Gershon Stewart,
exchange broker, of Hongkong, espoused the
charming Miss Gresson, sister of Mr. W.
Gresson, managing partner at Shanghai for the
firm of Jardine, Matheson & Co. The Com-
pany's hulk *Yuen Fok* was gallily decorated
with flags all day, and many of the employees
attended the service at the Cathedral. This
was decorated with unusual care and taste.
The altar rails were backed with red stuff,
and covered with marguerites, jonquils and
greenery. Plants in pots were arranged in
verdurous terraces on either hand. In the
back ground, the panels of the pews carried
trails of ivy. Up the central aisle, the
customary avenue of bamboos was erected,
the obtrusive branchlets inconveniently
millinery weavers. In one corner was the
Town Band, whose services were requisitioned
in place of the organ now under repair, and
who were conducted by Mr. Valenzia. The full
choir was also in attendance. Miss Hawkey,
was the senior bridesmaid and two small maids,
also attending were Miss Betty Addis and Miss
Theo Boisragon. The duties of "best man"
were efficiently discharged by Mr. E. S.
Sanders.

Following the ceremony there was a fully
attended reception at the Ewo hong premises,
where the very numerous and handsome pre-
sents were displayed and greatly admired, and
where Mr. Addis in fitting terms proposed the
health of the bride and bridegroom, mentioning
that Mr. Stewart had been present at his (Mr.
Addis) wedding. The bridegroom replied and
gave the toast of the bridesmaids for whom
Mr. Sanders made an excellent spokesman.
Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Stewart left shortly
afterwards for "Unkara," kindly lent by Mr.
and Mrs. Jenner Hogg now in Europe.

FOOTBALL.

H. K. F. C. v. H.M.S. "CRESSY."

The "rugger" match between the Club and
the *Cressy* attracted many persons to Happy
Valley on Saturday afternoon, when the "spec-
tatorate," as a London journal insists upon nam-
ing the outlanders, was treated to an interesting
game, resulting in a win for the Club by 2
goals 2 tries (16 points) to nil.

CRICKET.

The Craigengower Club was beaten, on
Saturday by the H.K. C. C. Reserves, who
scored 134 for 8 wickets against the former's
81. A fine victory was secured by the Civil
Service over the Royal Engineers, who only
managed to knock-out 35 against the civilians'
105. Similar honours fell to the A. O. C. who
beat the Parsoes by 108 runs and four wickets.

There will be a Cricket match on Wednesday
next between the Craigengower Cricket Club
and a team from the Kowloon Docks commen-
cing at 2 p.m. on the ground of the latter Club.

BOWLING.

In the bowling match between the Hongkong
and German Clubs, the latter won by 443
points, the scores being: German Club 7,605,
Hongkong Club, 7,162.

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE
OF SINGAPORE.

BY DOUGLAS M. GANE.

In nothing can the hand of Providence be
more clearly discerned than the laying of the
foundations of the British Empire. Positions
that now form the key to our strength were
acquired for reasons that have no reference to
the purposes they have since come to serve. In
most cases they were the reward of personal
exploit, and formed no apparent link in the
larger architectural scheme. An example of
what would seem to be the casual manner in
which the British Empire has been built up is
Singapore. When acquired for Great Britain,
its importance was perceived to have nothing
more than a local bearing. The high strategic
value which it promises to acquire from the
clash of European interests in Asia was ap-
parently not foreseen. As a matter of fact,
Singapore was occupied simply for the purpose of
maintaining British influence in the Malay
Archipelago. By the occupation of Java and
Sumatra, the Dutch had already secured the
command of the Straits of Sunda, one of the
only two available routes to the East, and
Great Britain, by the acquisition of Singapore,
had now gained control of the other. At that
period the Straits of Sunda was the more im-
portant route of the two, since the passage from
Europe in those days—as we may judge from
the fact that in 1857 Lord Wolsey was wrecked
on the island of Banca on his way to China—
was made by way of the Cape. With the
construction of the Suez Canal, however, time
brought its revenge, The Straits of Sunda
gave place in importance to the Straits of
Malacca, and the command of the great high-
way of traffic with the Far East accordingly
passed from the Dutch to the British. Sir
Stamford Raffles—the value of whose service
to his country has not yet been fully perceived
—fortunately did not meet with the ingratitude
that befell Sir George Rokeby, but it is not
the less a fact that, so little conception was
British of the destiny of their race, for some
time the Home Government was undecided
whether Singapore should be retained.
The political importance of this strategic
position, though there is some justice in
the belief. Dances and scenery were of the
best, as was also the music, provided by an
orchestra of local amateurs, aided by some of the
bandmen from the Sherwood Foresters. Mr.
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in great measure, been overshadowed in the
minds of the British people by its exceptional
commercial interests. It has been termed the
Liverpool of the East, and it has come to serve
as the clearing-house of Southern and Eastern
Asia. In its streets are to be heard a greater
variety of tongues, perhaps, than in any other
city of the world. Yet even these characteris-
tics, notable as they are, do not comprise the
full record of its merits. To sum up, what was
said of Gibraltar, can now with equal truth be
said of Singapore, at least in regard to its po-
sibilities. And it is this—that Singapore affords
us, at a critical spot, a secure base of naval
operations and a sheltered field for naval mobi-
lisation; it supplies us with a point of observa-
tion, and a place for storage of ammunition,
provisions and, not of least importance coal;
and it gives us these in a locality where, in the
defence of our Asiatic interests, such advan-
tages can be used with the most effect strate-
gically and the most profitably.

It may be contended, however, that, though
Singapore may command the Straits of Ma-
lacca, it does not control the junction of the
Indian and Pacific Oceans, since it does not
command the Straits of Sunda. The Straits of
Sunda lie nearly five hundred miles to the
south of Singapore, and though they afford
only a narrow passage they are approached
from the east by the Karimata Sea, that at its
opening between Singapore and Borneo has a
width of some three hundred miles. Singapore
cannot, therefore, control the Straits of Sunda
in the sense in which it controls the Straits of
Malacca; but it will hardly be questioned that,
in so far as naval operations alone can seal the
passage, our ships will work under enormous
advantages so long as Singapore remains in
our hands as an effective naval base. Our
occupation of Singapore has hitherto been un-
questioned. That it will always remain so is
unlikely. The new condition of things that
prevails in the Far East has added a new im-
portance to it, and has rendered it imperative
that its means of defence should be equal to
any emergency.

Fundamentally, but not solely, our employ-
ment of Singapore will have reference to the
designs of Russia in Asia. We find Russia
compelled by natural conditions, the force of
which she cannot escape, to bid for naval
supremacy in the China Seas. But Korea may
not resist absorption, the efforts of Japan not-
withstanding. Will Russia in that case cease
to cultivate sea power in the Far East? It
may safely be said that the territorial condi-
tions that have led her to become a sea power
at all will not be affected by changes of so
local a character. With the establishment of
her position in Northern China, Russia will be
ready for new adventure. The day may not
yet be at hand when we shall witness the entry
of a Russian squadron into the waters of the
Persian Gulf, but it cannot be doubted that
Russia is bent on pursuing these Eastern
methods of diplomacy that she has used to
such advantage in Manchuria, and the utmost
vigilance is needed if her manoeuvres are to
be defeated. When we consider the advances
she has made in the consolidation of her po-
sition in Northern China in the eight years that
have elapsed since the termination of the
Sino-Japanese war, we must recognise the
possibility of further aggressions and not fail
to take precautions against the consequences
of them.

If for this reason alone, a position of such
strategic importance as Singapore demands
the most careful national guardianship. But
there is another reason, one of more immediate
consequence, perhaps, and it is this. The
gradual break-up of China threatens at no dis-
tant date to transform the Far East into a field
of European conflict, and, if that come to pass,
no European Power that is opposed to us will
fail to find in Singapore a standing menace to
the realisation of its ambitions. A station,
therefore, that is calculated to evoke such
general hostility cannot be too strongly de-
fended, and it may well be asked if those who
are entrusted with the management of our
defence afford it the consideration commen-
surate with its worth? Advantage has been
taken of the natural facilities afforded by the
ground to fortify it, but so limited are these by
comparison with those of Gibraltar that it may
be seriously doubted if they are adequate to
protect the enormous interests the place repre-
sents. Though Singapore has much in com-
mon with Gibraltar, it must be taken to have
this difference—namely, that, whereas "the
Rock" is capable of defending not only itself
but the fleet in addition, Singapore for its de-
fence is largely dependent on the fleet. Yet,
unlike Gibraltar, with which the Mediterranean
Squadron is in near touch, Singapore holds a
comparative isolated position in the scheme of
naval disposition. The East India Squadron
is at Trincomalee, a base of no particular
strategic value, and distant from Singapore
some 1,500 miles. The China Fleet is at Hong-
kong, distant 1,400 miles; and the Australian
Squadron is at Port Jackson at a distant roughly
of 3,000 miles. Detachments from each could
and doubt reach the Straits in the course of a
few days, but is it desirable that the key to
maritime supremacy in Southern Asia should
depend for the naval defence it needs upon
force that take several days to marshal, and,
until they appear, upon the single cruiser that
has hitherto done service for the protection of
the town. It would seem that the security of
Singapore cannot with safety be considered
apart from the adequacy of its home defences.
The Caranvon Commission, under whose con-
sideration the defences of Singapore came, not
more than twenty years ago, and as there was
no reason at that time to foresee the disintegration
of China and the advances that Russia has
since made in Asia, it is reasonable to infer
that the Commission did not consider the
country called upon to make provision for
possibilities of such magnitude. In the politi-
cal conditions that prevailed at the time they
were justified in regarding Singapore primarily
in the light of a commercial entrepot, and
sanctioning defences accordingly. But condi-
tions have changed, and whatever importance
Singapore may have as a trade centre, paramount
interest for us now lies in its strategic value as
a naval base.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

THE WAR.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS

THREATEN HAKKAIDO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

YOKOHAMA, 12th February,
12.25 p.m.

Four Russian warships belonging
to the squadron at Vladivostok have
crossed the Sea of Japan and are now
cruising off the Island of Hakkaido.

[These warships were most probably the
cruisers *Grunow, Bogatyr, Rurik* and *Rosita*,
as we understand that news recently reached
Tokio to the effect that the four vessels were
fully equipped for action and ready for sea.—
Ed. H.K.T.]

THE LOSS OF THE
A "NAKONOURA MARU."

The Russian warships have sunk
the coasting steamer *Nakonoura
Maru* off Aomori.

VLADIVOSTOK FLEET.

AND FUKUYAMA.

Later.

News has just reached here to the
effect that, early this morning, the
Russian fleet, from Vladivostok, com-
menced the bombardment of Fuku-
yama, in the Island of Hakkaido.

Shanghai, 15th February,
12.52 p.m.

The bombardment of Fukuyama
is denied.

BARON ROSEN'S
DEPARTURE

FROM JAPAN.

Baron R. Rosen, the Russian
Ambassador, went aboard the French
mail steamer, *Yarra*, this morning.

A large number of person attended
on the wharf to bid him farewell,
and it was quite evident that the
Minister had made many intimate
friends, who sympathised with him
on his enforced departure from the
country.

JAPAN'S RESCRIPT.

YOKOHAMA, 11th February,
11.10 a.m.

The Rescript of His Imperial
Japanese Majesty Mitsu Hito states
that Japan has always deemed it
essential to international relations,
and has always made it her constant
aim to promote pacific progress of
her Empire in civilization, to
strengthen her friendly ties with
other States, to maintain peace in the
Extreme East, and assure the security
of her Dominion.

The separate existence of Korea,
which is essential to the safety of the
realm is impossible, so long as Russia is
bent on the annexation of Manchuria.
It cannot be admitted by Japan that
Russia ever exhibited any genuine
desire for peace, as she rejected the
proposals of the Japanese Govern-
ment. Korea is accordingly endan-
gered, and the interests of Japan
menaced.

The guarantees for the future
having failed to be secured by po-
litical negotiations can now only be
sought by an appeal to arms, and it
is the earnest wish of the Japanese
Government that, by the loyalty and
valour of their subjects, peace will
soon be permanently restored and
the glory of the Empire preserved.

[The English translation of the full text of
the Rescript was kindly forwarded to us by Mr.
M. Nomura, Consul for Japan, and was printed
in our issue of Friday last.—Ed. H.K.T.]

THE NAVAL VICTORIES.

REJOICINGS IN JAPAN.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed
here when the news of the victories
at Port Arthur and Chemulpo was
received.

The town was decorated with flags.
At night the houses were illuminated
and lantern processions were orga-
nised.

Similar rejoicings took place at
Tokio and other centres.

LATE NEWS.

FROM THE NORTH.

(From our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, 15th February,
12.52 p.m.

The German second-class cruiser
Hansa, which has arrived here from
Port Arthur and Tsingtau, reports
that H.I.M.'s gunboat *Tiger*, has left
Chemulpo with the Russian Legation
Guard aboard. Some of the Russians,
wounded at Chemulpo, have been
taken on board the French cruiser
Pascal, which has left for Chosfoo.

DEATH OF MR. GEO.
MCBAIN.

Mr. George McBain, the well-
known ship owner and merchant, died
yesterday.

FORTHCOMING LAND SALES.

BLACKHEAD'S POINT, KOWLOON.

The latest number of the *Gazette* contains
the description and terms of the proposed
leases of Crown land at Blackhead's Point,
Kowloon, comprising portions of the foreshore
and sea bed, which are registered as Extension
of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 34, and Kowloon
Marine Lot, No. 81. The contents of the lots
are 14,200 sq. ft. and 75,996 sq. ft., and the an-
nual Crown rent is \$196 and \$1,046 respectively.
The premium on the former is \$12,075, and on
the latter \$75,996. According to the terms of
the proposed leases, upon payment of the
agreed premium and completion of the reclama-
tion of the extension and new lot to the
satisfaction of the Director of Public Works,
and upon the surrender by the lessees of the
existing Kowloon Marine Lot No. 34 and
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 210, it is proposed
to grant two new Crown leases. One is in
respect of Kowloon Marine Lot, No. 34, which
will include the greater portion of the present
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 210 and the whole
of the present Kowloon Marine Lot No. 34
together with an extension, having an approxi-
mate area of 14,200 square feet, for the term of
75 years from the 8th day of February, 1892,
at an annual rent of \$406. The other will be in
respect of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 81, having
an approximate area of 75,996 square feet for
the term of 75 years from the date upon which
the intending lessees are let into possession of
the ground, at an annual rent of \$1,046. The
amounts of the premium and Crown rents are
subject to readjustment when the reclamations
have been completed, in accordance with the
areas actually occupied.

THE NEW MANAGER-GENERAL
OF THE CHINA MERCHANTS'
COMPANY.

Owing possibly to the newness of the above
title few foreigners in Shanghai appear to have
so far heard of it, much less of the name of the
high official who combines in his person not
only the above important post but also that of
Director of and Adviser to the Chinese
Telegraph Administration. We (*N. C. D. News*)
refer to Mr. Yang Shih-ch'i, who has as his
colleagues on the Directorate of the last named
Administration, Taotais Chu Pao-fay and Yang
Ting-kao. The new Manager-General of the
China Merchants' Co. is a very able and
courteous official and belongs to the progres-
sive and enlightened portion of the mandarin-
ry. He comes from a high and well-known family;
his father having been at one time Director-
General of the Yellow River, a post equivalent
to the Viceroy of a province. Mr. Yang him-
self is one of several notable brothers also
holding high positions in the Government, one
being Provincial Treasurer of Chihli and
another a Censor in Peking. We may further
state that since his appointment to Shanghai
by Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai, Mr. Yang has also
been appointed by the Throne, Junior Under
Secretary of Shanghai (Ministry of Commerce),
which makes him ex-officio President of the
Chinese Chamber of Commerce here. As the
Shanghai intends to establish agencies for the
encouragement of trade in this and other ports
of the Empire, Mr. Yang, through his connec-
tion with the Shanghai, will naturally be put
at the head of the Shanghai Agency also.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS SHIP.

Indian (*Nanango*) 16th inst.
German (*Gera*) 16th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 17th inst.
German (*Roon*) 18th inst.
American (*Korea*) 18th inst.
American (*Gaule*) 18th inst.

The A. C. Co.'s s.s. *Brainerd* from New York
left Singapore on 9th inst. for Manila, and is
due here on 20th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Gera* left
Shanghai yesterday, at 7 p.m., and may be ex-
pected here on 16th inst., at daylight.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of India*
arrived at Shanghai at 8.50 a.m. on 14th inst.,
and left again at 6 p.m., same day for Nagasaki,
where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on 15th
inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan*
arrived at Shanghai at 10.30 a.m. on 14th inst.,
and left again at 7 p.m. same day for Hong-
kong, where she is due to arrive on 15th inst.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Damaged Russian Ships.

LONDON, 12th February.
Admiral Alexieff telegraphs that the battleships are so badly damaged that it is difficult to say when they will be ready for sea; the others are expected to be ready in three days to a fortnight.

Japanese Occupy Seoul.

The Japanese have occupied Seoul.

LATER.

Critical Financial Situation in St. Petersburg.

The Japanese successes have caused such a panic on the St. Petersburg Bourse, that the situation there has become critical. Holders of Government stocks are losing enormously and several Banks are tottering.

Russian Re-inforcements for the Far East.

The Russian cruisers *Dimitri Donskoi* and *Aurora* and six destroyers have proceeded from Suez to Jebuti, where they have coaled and will remain till the 18th instant, awaiting the arrival of the battleship *Oslava*, the transport *Saratoff* and three destroyers which have already left Suez; and of several torpedo boats and transports now in the Canal.

February, 13th.

A Russian destroyer has been ordered to leave Port Said. After a Government survey an application by Russia for permission to dock a destroyer at Suez has been refused.

The Austrian collier *Java*, chartered for Port Arthur, has been treated as a belligerent and ordered to leave Port Said immediately; she is now discharging.

The War.

Admiral Alexieff telegraphs that the torpedo-transport *Yenisei* has been blown up and sunk by accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. Captain Stepanoff, three officers and 92 men were lost.

(N. C. D. News.)

A movement of Russian Forces.

Tokio, 8th February.
A part of the Russian troops is reported to have actually crossed the Yalu, moving southward.

Japanese Refugees From Siberia.

Tokio, 9th February.
The N. Y. K. S. (chartered) *Afridi* has arrived at Tsura, on the Japan Sea, bringing fifteen hundred Japanese from Vladivostok, Nikolai, and Harbin. It is expected that a steamer will shortly bring the remaining hundred. The Japanese Commercial Agent is to leave Vladivostok on the 13th instant.

Japan and Germany.

Tokio, 9th February.
The *Kokumin Shimbun*, a leading Tokio journal, writing in reference to the sudden rupture of diplomatic relations, says that Germany's attitude is worthy of keen attention. Japan is undoubtedly friendly to Germany. Let the past bury the past. Germany has lately recognised in Japan a reliable friendly Power in the Far East.

The *Kokumin* pays a warm tribute to the Kaiser's wisdom and sagacity, and believes that he will not fail to reciprocate Japan's invariable good will.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

Germany Surprised at Japan's Action.

Berlin, 8th February.
Great surprise has been caused here by Japan breaking off her relations with Russia, but it is fully acknowledged that Japan has shown great patience during all the time of the negotiations. Germany has proclaimed, with regard to good relations to both Powers, an honest neutrality.

Declaration of War Not Certain.

It is not absolutely sure whether a formal declaration of war will be made. But the war is expected to issue a proclamation to-morrow to the Russian people.

England, France and Mediation.

Nothing is heard here about the mediation of England. France will do nothing without England.

Movements of Japanese Navy and Troops.

According to news received here, all Japanese men of war have left harbour; they are still lying off Suibei. It has been made known that they intend to go to Chemulpo; but it is not expected that Japanese troops will land on the Asiatic continent for a few days.

Fighting in German South-West Africa.

Heavy fights are reported from the vicinity of Omaruru (South-West Africa). Capt. Franke's company has reached Omaruru. The Herreros had great losses. Chief Michael is probably among those killed. But they are still surrounding Omaruru. The detachment from S.M.S. *Habicht* has been ordered to Karibib, in order to advance from there to Omaruru. The losses on the German side now amount to 137, 32 being killed in the engagements, 47 being murdered.

Seizure of Russian Vessels.

We learn that the Shanghai office of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company has received telegraphic news from their Nagasaki office, that three Russian steamers had been seized there by the Japanese authorities, but were released a few hours later.

State of War.

We are informed that the commanders of the Russian men-of-war have been informed by the St. Petersburg Government, that they have to consider themselves to be in a state of war with Japan.

Postal Service.

The Imperial German Post Office informs us, that they received to-day a telegraphic communication from Mr. Will, the Chief of the Russian Post and Telegraph Office at Port Arthur, according to which the mail will be despatched via Siberia, until further notice as hereafter.

THE WAR.

RUSSIAN LOSSES AT PORT ARTHUR.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, has kindly communicated to us the following news, which was despatched from Tokio at 10.35 a.m. to-day, and was received here at 2.14 p.m.:

Our Consul at Genzan telegraphed on the 14th inst. as follows:

According to the captain of the American steamer *Phidex*, just arrived here from Port Arthur, the Russian Cruiser *Askold*, which was damaged by our shell fire and was lying in the inner harbour, sunk on the forenoon on the 13th inst.

Russian casualties are so far reported to be: 29 killed, 60 wounded and carried ashore. Two were killed and several wounded in Golden Hill Fortress.

THE RUSSIAN WOUNDED.

TENDED BY JAPANESE.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, has courteously communicated the following official telegram, dated Tokio, the 13th inst.:—"Request made through British Consul to our Consul at Chemulpo for placing 34 of the wounded Russians under the care of some charitable Japanese was willingly acceded to. They will be placed in the Japanese Nursing Hospital at Chemulpo and treated by Japanese doctors."

STRICT JAPANESE CENSURE.

TELEGRAMS DELAYED.

Some idea of the rigour with which the Press censure is being applied by the authorities in Japan may be gathered from the fact that telegrams forwarded us by our Correspondent in Yokohama on the 11th and 12th inst. reached Hongkong this morning only.

JAPANESE REJOICINGS.

THE CHEMULPO AND PORT ARTHUR VICTORIES.

Wiring on the twelfth, our Correspondent states that enthusiastic rejoicings are taking place in the principal cities of Japan in honour of the victories at Port Arthur and Chemulpo. There can be no doubt that the Japanese people have reason to congratulate themselves on the skill of their naval officers and the courage of their sailors; and it is probable that the serious loss experienced by the Russian fleet at the outset may have a very important influence on the ultimate results of the war. It is a remarkable fact that the official telegrams received here by the Naval Authorities indicate the losses incurred in Russian ships as very much more serious than is wired by Admiral Alexieff to his Government and forwarded in by Reuters. We can be excused in supposing that the news sent here by our fleet on the North is more reliable than details of Russian source; and it would seem that eleven Muscovite war-vessels, with a tonnage of about one-third of the total displacement of their fleet, have been sunk, destroyed or captured. All chance of Russia landing troops in Japan is now out of question; for she has barely enough ships left to resist descent on her own seaboard, and would certainly not be able to provide escort for a fleet of transports.

BARON ROSEN'S DEPARTURE.

Baron Rosen left Yokohama on the 12th by the French mail, and our correspondent tells us that there were many friends and sympathisers to bid him adieu. The Russian Minister to Japan was a favourite in the society of the Capital, and as the quarrel of the nation is with Russia and not with an individual, it is probable that his departure was a source of regret to many.

AGGRESSION BY THE VLADIVOSTOK FLEET.

The attack by the Russian warships on Japanese merchantmen is confirmed by our telegrams from Yokohama. As might have been expected the cruisers from Vladivostok are operating on the northern coast of the Island Empire. The sinking of the *Nakamura Maru* is confirmed, and it is probable that raids may be made on the numerous undefended sea-ports in the Island of Hokkaido (Yezo); indeed it is reported that these vessels bombarded Fukuyama on the 12th. It may be reasonably supposed that the Japanese authorities have dispatched a naval force to act against this flying squadron, and it is probable that the news received by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, and published in our columns on Saturday, to the effect that three of these cruisers had been sunk by the destroyers from Aomori, is true. It may be that this has some connection with the measures taken to stay the action of Russia's Commerce destroyers.

REFUGEE RUSSIANS ON H.M.S. "TALBOT"

The Naval Authorities have courteously informed us that 275 Russian sailors were picked up by H.M.S. *Talbot* after the action at Chemulpo. Many of these were wounded.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF FUKUYAMA.

Latest advice from Tokio report that the Russian warships at Vladivostok at the be-

ginning of the month were the cruisers *Gromoboi*, *Bogatyr*, *Rurik* and *Rossia*.

The *Gromoboi* is a large vessel, of 12,000 tons with a speed of 20 knots, and her chief armament comprises four 8 in. and sixteen 6 in. guns. She was built in 1899. The *Bogatyr*, built in the following year, is given as 6,000 tons, 23 knots, and carries twelve 6 in. guns. The *Rurik* was completed in 1892. She is 12,000 tons capacity, 18 knots speed, and her principal armament is four 8 in. and sixteen 6 in. guns. The *Rossia* has precisely the same dimensions, speed, and armament as the *Gromoboi*. She was built in 1896.

THE COALING OF WARSHIPS.

With reference to the proclamation of the 12th instant, the following was published this afternoon:

PROCLAMATION.

Francis Henry May,
Officer Administering the Government.
By His Excellency Francis Henry May, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer Administering the Government, and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has directed that the following additional rules shall be observed during the continuance of the war between the Empires of Russia and Japan, the inhabitants of this Colony are hereby warned accordingly.

RULES.

1.—During the continuance of hostilities no coal should be supplied to war-ships of either belligerent power except on the written authorisation of the Harbour Master specifying the amount of coal which may be supplied.

2.—Before issuing any authorisation for the supply of coal to any belligerent warship the Harbour Master shall obtain a written declaration, duly signed by the Officer Commanding such warship, of the destination to which she is proceeding and of the amount of coal already on board.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
God save the King.

Given at Government House, Victoria, Hongkong, this 15th day of February, 1904.

The Russian authorities at Port Arthur are commandeering horses and some foreigners there have already had their horses taken over. Reservists have been forbidden to leave the port. The Russian authorities are despatching artillery and men to an unknown destination.

A wire to the *Echo de Chine* says that the British lay the blame with Russia, and express hopes in favour of Japan.

It appears that the warship which the Korean Government purchased recently from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, is now being transferred to an American resident of Chemulpo. Negotiations are, a Chemulpo despatch states, in progress between the parties concerned as to the amount to be paid for the vessel. It is added that the warship, on becoming the property of the American, will be altered into a merchant steamer.

Austria-Hungary is taking charge of the Russian and Great Britain of the Japanese interests in the territories threatened by the war.

A *China Gazette* wire from Tokio of 6th inst. says that civilians attempting to land at Tanshima have been arrested. Correspondents are refused permission to go with the first expedition.

From San Francisco on the 9th January it was reported that in the last weeks 500 Japanese had gone home to enlist in their country's army and from 40 to 50 Russians had gone from America to Port Arthur to these two important stations.

A telegram from Ottawa dated 9th January says: "It is learned that in view of the war cloud in the East, Canada's offer to relieve Great Britain of any expense connected with the defence of Canadian soil as far as the garrisons at Esquimaux and Halifax are concerned will be accepted and that Canada will soon assume charge of these two important stations."

CHINESE GARRISONS WEST OF LIAO RIVER.

A native paper gives the strength of the different garrisons stationed at important points west of the Liao River. Fakumen; constabulary force, 200, cavalry, 40, infantry 160. Hsinmington; constabulary force 350, infantry 1,500. Koonpang; constabulary force 600, cavalry 250, infantry 250, artillery 100 with 8 guns. Tienchuangtai; constabulary force 750, cavalry 350. Kinchofu; constabulary force 1,500, cavalry 100, infantry 100, artillery 500. Ningyuanchow; constabulary force 250. Yichow; constabulary cavalry 250. Chaoyang; constabulary cavalry 2,000, infantry 250. Tsung-hou; constabulary force 300, cavalry 100, infantry 200.

Nanking dispatches report the arrival there and in the vicinity of no less than nine thousand five hundred newly raised troops, all of whom are being armed with modern quick-firing arms and drilled according to the foreign model. The new soldiers are said to be very well-built men, and as soon as they have been properly drilled and organised they are to be sent up North to assist the Imperial forces there. It is computed that the Liangkiang and Hokuang provinces will send at least 30,000 men to Chihli should war break out.

From Chicago comes the following, dated 6th January:—"Under excited bidding by shorts, who were frightened as a reported, ship bo-

ween Russian and Japanese troops, the depression of console and the pessimism of continental bourses, May wheat jumped 2 1/2 c. at the opening to-day. Opening bids for May wheat simultaneously ranged from 87 1/2 to 88 1/2. July advanced to 83 1/2, a gain of 2 1/2 c. over yesterday's close and September showed a gain of 1 1/2 c. At the crest of the rise, the inevitable profit-taking resulted in reactions, but much of the advance was held and the tone ruled strong. May reacted to 87 1/2; July to 83 1/2 c. and September to 79 1/2 c.

According to the Shanghai Times, the purser of the *Coptic* stated that on 6th inst., two Russian steamers and a Norwegian steamer were seized by the Japanese authorities in Nagasaki. One of the former was the *Manchuria*, a sister ship of the *Mongolia*, steaming under the Chinese Eastern Railway Co. flag. This vessel it appears was in dock at the time. The Norwegian vessel had a cargo of 6,000 tons of coal aboard consigned to Port Arthur. On 7th inst., just before the *Coptic* left, the three steamers were released, but the Norwegian craft was to be cleared for Chefoo before being permitted to leave Nagasaki. It is further stated that the Norwegian Government has already taken action in the matter.

THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF WAR.

The following article is culled from the columns of a well-informed financial journal, and should be of interest to many of our readers:

—Inasmuch as almost any moment may give the markets an opportunity for deciding practically their iterated speculation as to what would be the immediate effect of war, it is of more than academic interest to notice how the opinion runs round the House that an outbreak of hostilities would be the signal for a sharp rise.

The base of the argument is, of course, supplied by the bear account now open, not only in the speculative but in the investment markets of the House. Jobbers who deal in the most sober securities have had little compunction in selling stock that they probably had not got, but which they expected would come to market if the artillery of war were to frighten holders into realising. Among speculative descriptions, the difficulty experienced by the bears in carrying over testifies to the shortness of stock, and when once the sellers are satisfied by the outbreak of what they had "gone for," the argument continues that they will close the commitments then and there if they can. Taking the test of House experience, it is urged that Trunks, for instance, are sold rather than bought upon a good traffic, that the fulfilment of high dividend anticipations in any market is frequently followed by a fall in prices, and that, generally speaking, the consummation of the expected leads to profit-taking. Whether this will be so in the present state of affairs or not, the events of the next few days should certainly assist in deciding.

The N. Y. K. office in Tokio recently wired to the captains of the *Santo Maru* and *Nagato Maru* to sail home at full speed from North China. The *Sagami Maru*, which was to leave Nagasaki for Genzan has been ordered to abandon the voyage. The departure of the *Shinano Maru* from Kobe for Hongkong, via ports, has also been cancelled. The vessel had already left the harbour when she was signalled to return. The cargo on board the ship was landed.

On 4th inst. there were one British, one French, one German, two Russian, one Italian and one Korean warships at Chemulpo.

News is said to have reached Tokyo that the Japanese Government has purchased the U.S. battleships *Kentucky* and *Oregon*.

The Russian authorities have contracted to buy 30,000 tons of Kaiping coal and have been loading it at Tingawanto.

The temperature at Genzan is very low and the sea is frozen to a thickness of 8 inches.

CENSORSHIP OF PRIVATE TELEGRAMS.
By an "extra" to the *Official Gazette* (Japan) the Department of Communications has issued a Notification (No. 5) announcing that from February 5th until further notice foreign private telegrams sent from places in Japan, or from the Japanese post offices in Fusan, Chemulpo, and Seoul to places abroad, must be written in plain Japanese, English, or French, no code words being allowed. Code words, however, may be allowed in messages sent through the Tokyo, Yokohama, and Kobe telegraph offices, provided a translation in Japanese, English, or French of the code words used, accompanies the telegram. Messages sent between Japan and those places in Korea where Japanese telegraph offices are situated must be written in ordinary Japanese, English, or French, no code words being allowed.

It is also announced that private telegrams sent from Korean telegraph offices, and delivered by Japanese post offices in Korea or sent abroad through the medium of Japanese post offices, with the exception of telegrams in ordinary Japanese, English, or French, will not be transmitted over the Japanese lines. All telegrams sent over the lines in Japan as well as over the Imperial Japanese Government lines between Fusan, Seoul, and Chemulpo, will until further notice be liable to delay or non-delivery, and no message will be accepted without the assent of the sender to these conditions. *Kobe Chronicle*.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 5th March.
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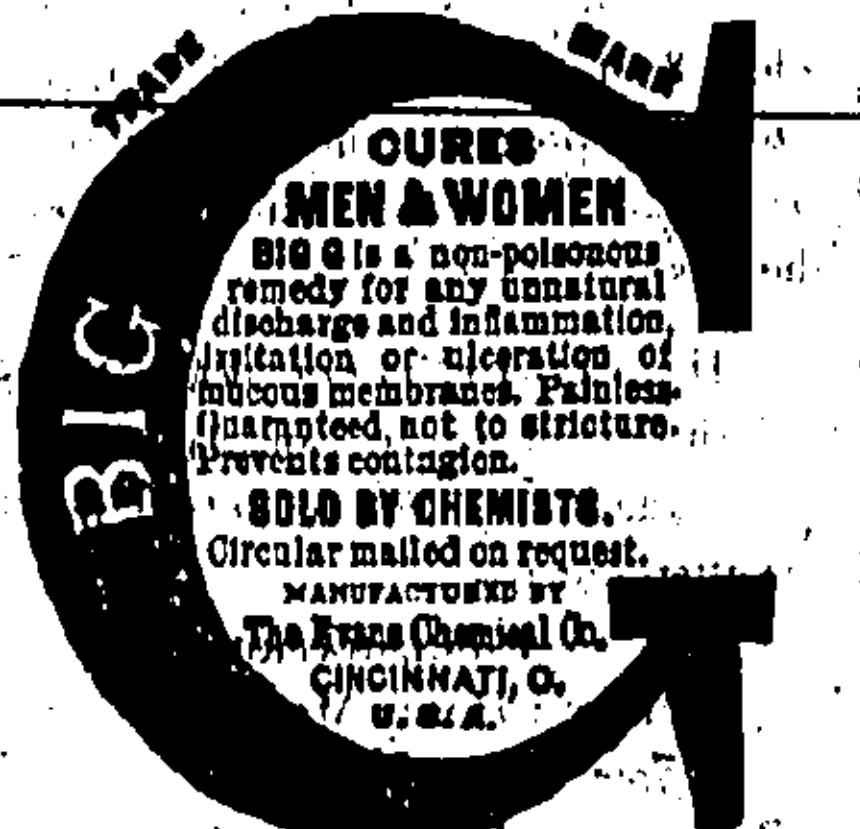
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BUTCHER MEAT.

Cents.

Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa 17

" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk 17

" Roast—Shiu 17

" Breast—Ngau Lam 13

" Soup—Tong Yuk 13

" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa 17

" Serjion—Ngau Lau 26

" Sausages—Ngau Yuk Chung 16

" Bullcock's Brains—Know per set

" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li each

" Head—Ngau Tau 55

" Heart—Ngau Sun 1

" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin 9

" Feet—Ngau Kerk each

" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu each

" Tail—Ngau Mei 16

" Liver—Ngau Con 9

" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To 9

" Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-keok set

" Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kw 24

" Leg—Yeung Pei 24

" Shoulder—Yeung Shau 22

" Pig's Chittlings—Chi cheong 7

" Brains—Chi Know per set

" Feet—Chi Kerk 12

" Fry—Chi Chak 12

" Head—Chi Tai 13

" Heart—Chi Sum each

" Kidneys—Chi Yiu pair

" Liver—Chi Kon 24

" Pork Chop—Chi Kai Kwat 18

" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk 18

" Leg—Chu Pei 22

" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau 18

" Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau 54

" Keok set

" Heart—Yeung Sum each

" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu 9

" Liver—Yeung Con 22

" Sucking Pig, To Order—Chu Chai 10

" Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau 17

" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau 20

" Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk 18

" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong 12

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Chai 27

" Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai 32

" Ducks—A 24

" Doves—Pan Kau 18

" Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan per doz.

" Fowls, Canton—Kai 14

" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai 28

" Geese—Ngai 24

" Goose, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye pair

" Musky Deer—Wong Keung each

" Hare—Tu Chai 60

" Partridge—Chee Khoo 59

" Pheasant—Shan Kai pair

" Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup pair

" Holhoh—Holhoh Pak Kup 26

" Quail—Um Chun 18

" Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk dozen

" Snipe—Fa Ohui each

" Turkey, Cock—Fo Kai Kung 60

" Hen—Na 45

" Wild Duck, Shanghai, Sulap pair

" Teal, Shanghai, Sulap each

" Wild Duck, Canton—Sang Shing Sulap 85

" Apples per pair

" Birdch—Ka Yu 13

" Brandy—Bin Yu 10

" Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu 12

" Carp—Li Yu 10

" Dabch—Chik Yu 16

" Codfish—Mun Yu 14

" Crab—Hoi 10

" Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu 12

" Dab—Sa Ming Yu 14

" Duck—Wong Mei Lu 11

" Dog Fish—Lit To Sa 8

" Eel—Ching Yu 14

" Fresh water—Tam Sai Yu 15

" Yellow—Wong Sin 24

" Trout—Tui Kai Yu 28

" Turbot—Sak Yu 80

" Gudgeon—Sak Yu 12

" Herring—Sak Yu 16

" Halibut—Chung Kwan Yu 18

" Salmon—Wong Yu 24

" Sole—Sak Yu 20

" Tuna—Sak Yu 24

" White Fish—Sak Yu 20

" Yellow Fish—Sak Yu 20

" Zander—Sak Yu 20

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong Observatory a new code of meteorological signals which comes into force at Hongkong on New Year's Day. They are the same as those at present in use at Shanghai, and will be hoisted on the mast beside the time ball.

Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:—

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon to the South of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 Ching Wo, Br. s.s., 2,517, Parkinson, 13th Feb.—San Francisco 24th Dec., Flour.—C. S. S. Co.
 Thales, Br. s.s., 820, Robson, 13th Feb.—Fochow 11th Feb., and Amoy 12th, Gen.—D. L. & Co.
 Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, Hansen, 13th Feb.—Swatow 12th Feb., Gen.—J. & Co.
 Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 578, Witterop, 13th Feb.—Hohow 12th Feb., Coals and Sugar.—J. & Co.
 Whampoa, Br. s.s., 1,109, Lavers, 14th Feb.—Shanghai 11th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Pak Ling, Br. s.s., 2,875, Lewis, 14th Feb.—Singapore 7th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Thea, Ger. s.s., 934, Ohlerich, 14th Feb.—Kebao 10th Feb., Pakhoi 12th, and Hohow 13th, Coals and Gen.—J. & Co.
 Hailan, Fr. s.s., 377, Andersen, 14th Feb.—Pakhoi and Hohow 13th Feb., Pigs.—A. R. M.
 Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,467, Hodgins, 14th Feb.—Amoy 13th Feb., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
 Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, Suzoni, 14th Feb.—Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hohow and Kwong-chow-wan 13th Feb., Rice and Sugar.—A. R. M.
 Sinan, Br. s.s., 1,543, Williams, 14th Feb.—Barry 24th Dec., Coal.—B. & S.
 Sullford, Br. s.s., 2,365, Cress, 14th Feb.—Newport, Mon. 25th Dec., Coals.—Order.
 Taishun, Ch. s.s., 1,216, Jamieson, 14th Feb.—Canton 13th Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 Woosung, Br. s.s., 1,109, Dowson, 14th Feb.—Canton 13th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Johanne, Ger. s.s., 952, Ipland, 14th Feb.—Haiphong 11th Feb., and Hohow 13th, Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.
 King Alfred, H.M.S. battleship, 14,100, Hall, 14th Feb.—Portsmouth 1st Jan., and Singapore 8th Feb.
 Tacoma, Am. s.s., 2,689, Ridley, 14th Feb.—Tacoma 13th Jan., and Moji 9th Feb., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Taipin, Ch. s.s., 1,379, Brissander, 15th Feb.—Chinkiang 11th Feb., Gen.—Kwong Man Wo.
 Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,023, Lersbryggen, 15th Feb.—Saigon 9th Feb., Rice and Rice-flour.—Norwegian Consul.
 Keongwai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Möllermann, 15th Feb.—Bangkok 8th Feb., Rice and Meal.—B. & S.
 Waishing, Br. s.s., 1,171, Courtney, 15th Feb.—Canton 14th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,245, Schultz, 15th Feb.—Canton 14th Feb., Gen.—S. & Co.
Clearances at the Harbour Office.
Typanas, for Singapore.
Hipang, for Shanghai.
Haiching, for Swatow.
Ying King, for Canton.
Canton, for Kobe.
Pak Kong, for West River.
Sinangan, for Amoy.
Whampoa, for Canton.
Woosung, for Shanghai.
Kongnam, for Canton.
Peking, for Shanghai.
Loongmoon, for Shanghai.
Waishing, for Ningpo.
Taiping, for Canton.
Wingchei, for Macao.
Catherine Apcar, for Singapore.
Thales, for Fochow.
Foyle, for Moji.
Triumph, for Swatow.
Departures.
 Feb 14.
Ballaarat, for Shanghai.
Luerter, for Saigon.
Volga, for Singapore.
Lydia, for Kobe.
Wilmington, for Manila.
Kalgan, for Canton.
Wosang, for Canton.
Yekow, for Canton.
Wingsang, for Canton.
 Feb 15.
Shantung, for Fochow.
Sinangan, for Amoy.
Rajaburi, for Bangkok.
Wongkoi, for Bangkok.
Mackeu, for Bangkok.
Hanyang, for Canton.
Chenan, for Canton.
Catherine Apcar, for Calcutta.
Loongmoon, for Shanghai.
Waishing, for Shanghai.
Hipang, for Shanghai.
Canton, for Kobe.
Passengers arrived.
 Per *Pak Ling*, from Singapore—470 Chinese.
 Per *Ching Wo*, from San Francisco—360 Chinese.
 Per *Haiching*, from Amoy—Dr. MacDougall, Miss Ross, and 20 Chinese.
 Per *Thales*, from Coast Ports—Mrs. P. Poultier, Messrs. Chang Ching Loong and son, Luk Sam Chune, San Kuw Whay and son, and 12 Chinese.
 Per *Triumph*, from Swatow—Mr. and Mrs. Moss daughter, Mr. Krause, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and 3 children, Mr. Pracher, 143 Chinese and 1 Japanese.
 Per *Johanne*, from Haiphong, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Noble and child, Mr. Kine, and 10 Chinese.
Passengers departed.
 Per *Zafiro*, for Manila—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Rossiter, Misses A. S. Rossiter, F. A. Rossiter, Messrs. L. Leopold, R. Quirke, David Sonner, Felix de la Kama, Master Andres Luna, Mrs. Antonio Verches, Master Rafael Verches, Messrs. Joseph Verches, Carmen Verches, Dolores Verches, Victoria Verches, Masters Louis Verches, Raymond Verches, Magdalena Verches, Master M. ximino Sepida, Messrs. Benita Manuel, Sebastiana Armand, Messrs. Thomas Anst, T. Johnston, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. E. Johnston, Misses Gertrude and Gladys Johnston, Messrs. C. T. Santos, E.

Nantio, L. Wucasso, Miss Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tippet, Messrs. B. W. Field, T. C. Welch, C. F. Rover, A. J. Jordan, C. M. Allison, W. A. Wren, W. Fitzgerald, J. S. Potter, E. G. Curran, J. W. Boyce, T. J. Baum, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Gen. Naigier, Dr. A. Watson, Messrs. W. F. Vaughn, H. J. Finlay, F. C. Beal, Mrs. W. C. Brown, Messrs. C. G. Cook, Geo. Schule, A. Hennel, A. Masir and F. Ziada.
Shipping Reports.
 Str. *Laking* from Singapore—Fire h. N.E. monsoon.
 Str. *Whampoa* from Shanghai—Light winds and fine throughout.
 Str. *Chingwo* from San Francisco—Moderately fine throughout.
 Str. *Hongkong* from Haiphong, etc.—Light E.N.E. breeze, and hazy weather throughout.
 Str. *Haiching* from Amoy—Light to moderate monsoon with fine weather, slightly hazy with moderate swell.
 Str. *Thales* from Fochow—There to Amoy strong monsoon and high sea, thence to port fresh monsoon, and hazy weather.
 Str. *Sinan* from Barry—Fine weather and smooth sea to Gibraltar, thence to Port Said heavy N.W. gales and high sea, fine weather and smooth seas from there to Colombo, thence to Singapore similar weather, thence to port strong and moderate monsoon, high seas at times.
 Str. *Tacoma* from Tacoma—Crossing the Pacific to Yokohama strong head winds and occasional W. gales, with severe snow storms throughout the passage, weather exceedingly cold, lowest temperature 23° F., Japan fine weather, Moji to port moderate N.E. winds and sea, fine clear weather, slightly hazy at times.
Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Namsang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 16
Gera	Shanghai	M. & Co.	Feb. 16
Eastern	Manila	G. L. & Co.	Feb. 16
Emp. of Japan	Shanghai	P. R. Co.	Feb. 17
America Maru	Shanghai	P. M. Co.	Feb. 17
Roan	Singapore	M. & Co.	Feb. 18
Sambha	Singapore	H. A. L.	Feb. 19
Braemar	Singapore	S. T. & Co.	Feb. 20
Korea	San Francisco	P. M. Co.	Mar. 1
Gaelic	San Francisco	O. & O. Co.	Mar. 9

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.
 Ellen Rickmers at Kowloon Dock.
 Yuensang
 Legaspi
 Hue
 Sungkiang
 Tsingtau
 Lin Tan
 Kaifong
 Tartar
 Lydia
 H.I.G.M.S. Moewe
 H.M.S. Glory
 Triton
 Borneo
Vessels in Port.
STEAMERS.
 Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan.—Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber—M. & Co.
 Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,142, Hooker, 13th Feb.—Manila 10th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Coptic, Br. s.s., 2,744, Armstrong, R.N.R., 12th Feb.—San Francisco 15th Jan., Honolulu 22nd, Yokohama 4th Feb., Kobe 5th, Nagasaki 7th, and Shanghai (Woosung) 10th, Mail and Gen.—O. & S. S. Co.
 Crusader, Br. s.s., 1,435, Brown, 11th Feb.—Moji 5th Feb., Coal.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Indrapura, Br. s.s., 3,411, Horne, 11th Feb.—Portland, Or. 1st Jan., and Moji 6th Feb., Gen. and Flour—P. & A. S. S. Co.
 Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, Fennell, 2nd Feb.—Cebu via Iloilo and Manila 30th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 Lisicum, Am. transport, 1,072, Healey, 16th Jan.—Manila 13th Jan., Ballast.—U. S. Govt.
 M. Struve, Ger. s.s., 966, Brandt, 7th Feb.—Haiphong 4th Feb., and Hohow 6th, Gen.—A. R. M.
 Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, Welsh, 9th Feb.—Sandakan 3rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Samgra, Br. s.s., 1,015, Lewis, 13th Feb.—Moji 7th Feb., Coal.—B. & S.
 Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 1,021, Robinson, 1st Feb.—Manila 29th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,475, Evans, 16th Dec.—Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Tjipanas, Dut. s.s., 1,055, Zevart, 11th Feb.—Yokohama 28th Jan., and Amoy 9th Feb., Gen.—Holtz & Jacob & Co.
 Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, Rolff, 6th Feb.—Manila 3rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
 February 15th, 1904, a.m.
 Bar. Th. Hu. Wind W.
 Vladivostok 7 a.m. — — — —
 Yemuro 6 a.m. — — — —
 Hakodate — — — —
 Tokio — — — —
 Koshi — — — —
 Nagasaki — — — —
 Kagoshima — — — —
 Oshima — — — —
 Naha — — — —
 Ishigaki — — — —
 Takaku 5 a.m. — — — —
 Taichu — — — —
 Tainan — — — —
 Koshun — — — —
 Pescadores — — — —
 Weihaeiwei 9 a.m. — — — —
 Cuzlaff — — — —
 Sharp Peak — — — —
 Amoy 6.30 a.m. — — — —
 Swatow 9 a.m. — — — —
 Canton 9.16 a.m. — — — —
 Hongkong 10 a.m. — — — —
 Victoria Peak — — — —
 Gap Rock — — — —
 Macao — — — —
 Haiphong — — — —
 Manila — — — —
 Bacolod 9 a.m. — — — —
 Iloilo — — — —
 Cebu 10 a.m. — — — —
 C. St. James 10 a.m. — — — —

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.
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 Bell, J. F. L.
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 Christie, Mrs. and Mr. D. Murchies, F.
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 Hintze, W. Schlafke, B.
 Key, Dr. F. Scherlich, Mrs. and child
 Leung, Mrs. Stephens, H.
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 Luckner, P. Symington, J. P.
 McClay, Lieut. Wierthmann, Paul
Kowloon.
 Nicholson, Alfred Grisdale, J. W.
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 Clark, Lieut. T. F. mander A. F.
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 Iremonger, Lieut. Col. Nines, M. W.
 and Mrs. Vreeze, D.

Post Office.
 A Mail will close for—
 Canton—Per *Kinshan*, 17th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 17th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Shanghai and Japan—Per *Fuk Ling*, 17th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Namiao—Per *Taichun*, 17th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Sanbue—Per *Hol Fu*, 17th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Macao—Per *Wingchei*, 17th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Europe, &c., India, via Taitcorin—Per *Gera*, 17th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Falsham*, 18th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 18th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 19th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Empire*, 19th Feb., 11 A.M.

Manila—Per CHIH, 19th Feb., 3 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Powan*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 20th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Rubi*, 20th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Kinshan*, 21st Feb., 9 A.M.
 Sandakan—Per *Mausang*, 22nd Feb., 11 A.M.
 Europe, &c., India, via Taitcorin—Per *Yarra*, 23rd Feb., 10.45 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Coptic*, 23rd Feb., 10.45 A.M.
 Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.—Per *Indrapura*, 24th Feb., 10 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Tartar*, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Zafiro*, 29th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Books containing stamps of the following denominations may be obtained at the counter of General Post Office for \$1.00 each.
 12 stamps at 1 cent.
 12 " " 2 " "
 12 " " 3 " "
 12 " " 4 " "
 12 " " 5 " "
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 12 " " 11 " "
 12 " " 12 " "
 Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
 The Post Office will be entirely closed on Tuesday, the 16th inst. (Chinese New Year's Day).
 On Wednesday, the 17th inst. the Office will be open from 7 to 11.30 a.m. to dispatch the outgoing German Mail only. Correspondence posted up to 9 a.m. only will be sent out for delivery on that day.
 The Money Order Office will be closed both days.

THE WEATHER.
 The following report is from Mr. J. L. Plummer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:
 On the 15th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen generally particularly in the interior of China, where the pressure is now highest. The depression in Northern Japan has disappeared into the Pacific.
 Gradients are rather steep on the China coast and fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the North part of the China Sea.
 Forecast—fresh N.E. to E. winds; fair. The information received is still very meagre.
 Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.
 Barometer 30.20 30.08
 Temperature 67 67
 Humidity 60 64
 Rainfall — —

KING EDWARD.
 Andrews, H. J. Macfarland, Dr. John
 Birge, H. Murray, Miss
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 Hardy, Mrs. C. T. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs.
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 F. Wallace, Mrs. H.
 Kent, Mrs. E. F. Watson, Dr. A.
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 and child Morris, Dr. and Mrs.
 Bonnel, Miss Moxon, Mr. and Mrs.
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 Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. J. W.
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 Harding, R. Uffel, W. von
 Hewitt, T. B. Watkins, R. E., Capt.
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 Lewis, R. N. Capt. and M. J.
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 Bent, Mrs. Grant
 Crafter, R. H. Smith, Mr. E. Grant
 Dunn, G. H. Walker, Lieut. & Mrs.
 Duff, J. S. and child
 Falloon, C. H. Whitehead, Mr. & Mrs.
 Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. & Mrs.
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THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$ 125
 National Bank of China, Ltd., \$ 8
 Do. Founders, \$ 2
BANKS.
 Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8=\$18 for half year ending 30.6.1903 \$640
 3/6=\$12 for 1903 \$31 b.
 None \$10
MARINE INSURANCES.
 Union In. Society of Cton, Ltd. \$ 100 31 per cent=\$32 per share for 1902 \$400 s.
 China Traders' In. Co., Ltd. \$ 25 16 1/2%=\$1 for year ended 30.4.1903 \$15
 North China In. Co., Ltd. \$ 5 Final of £1 making £2 for 1902 \$15. 67
 Yangtze In. Association, Ltd. \$ 60 20%=\$12 for 1901 \$135
 Canton In. Office, Ltd. \$ 50 30%=\$15 per share for 1902 \$175
FIRE INSURANCES.
 Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd. \$ 50 \$22 1/2 per share for 1901 \$305 b.
 China Fire In. Co., Ltd. \$ 20 \$6 per share for 1901 \$92
SHIPPING.
 Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. \$ 15 \$1 1/2 for half-year ending 31.12.1903 \$28 1/2 ex div.
 Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. \$ 10 5%=\$.50 per share for 1902 \$5
 China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd. \$ 50 10%=\$5 per share for 1902 \$25
 Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. \$ 10 Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903 \$35
 "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd. \$ 5 10%=\$1 per share for 1902 \$10
 60 cts. 30.4.03 \$19 s.
 "Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd. \$ 1 Interim of 1/- for 1903 \$1 1/-
 Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd. \$ 50 Interim of 2% for 1903 \$1. 35 b.
 Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd. \$ 50 Interim of 4%=\$1. 2.00 \$1. 46 s.
 Do. Preference \$ 50 Interim of 3%=\$1. 1.75 \$1. 43 s.
REFINERIES.
 China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. \$ 100 Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903 \$107 s.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. \$ 100 \$3 per share for 1897 \$10 s.
 Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd. \$ 50 5%=\$.25 for year ending 30.9.03 \$1. 50 s.
MINING.
 Punjom Mining Co., Ltd. \$ 11 None \$1 s.
 Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin Fr. 150 Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903 \$600 s.
 Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. \$ 10.18.10 No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01 \$6
 Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd. \$ 1 No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03 \$1. 64 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.
 Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. \$ 50 12%=\$6 for 1 year 30.6.03 \$207
 S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd. \$ 100 Interim of Tls. 5 for 1 year ending 31.10.1903 \$1. 131 b.
 Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. \$ 50 Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903 \$95 b.
 New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd. \$ 6 1/2 \$2 1/2 for 1902 \$37 1/2 s.
 Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. \$ 100 Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903 \$1. 300 b.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.
 China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. \$ 10 8%=\$.80 cents per share for 1903 \$9 s.
 Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. \$ 100 Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1903 \$150 s.
 K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd. \$ 30 \$2.60 per share for 1903 \$55 b.
 West Point Building Co., Ltd. \$ 50 Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903 \$55
 Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. \$ 50 \$6 for first 1 year 1903 \$146 s.
 Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai) \$ 25 2 1/2% for year ending 30.6.03 \$29 s.
 Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai) \$ 25 6% for year ending 31.3.03 \$1. 14 s.
 Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd. \$ 10 9 per cent. for 1903 \$10.60 s.
 S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd. \$ 10 Interim of 6% for 1903 \$1. 113 s.
COTTON MILLS.
 Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd. \$ 10 [Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1902/1903] \$15 s.
 Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. \$ 50 8% for period ended 31.10.1903 \$1. 31 s.
 International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd. \$ 75 Interim of 3% on account of 1898 \$1. 25 b.
 Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. \$ 100 Interim div. of 4% on acct. of 1898 \$1. 35
 Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd. \$ 500 4% for period ended 31.12.1897 \$1. 170 s.
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.
 Alhambra, Ltd. \$ 500 25% for year ending 30.6.1900 \$200
 Philippine Co., Ltd. \$ 10 First year \$10 b.
 Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd. \$ 20 Interim of Tls. 3 per share \$1. 52 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.
 Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. \$ 10 12%=\$1.20 per share for 1902 \$25
 China-Borneo Co., Ltd. \$ 12 First year \$12 b.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. \$ 10 Interim of 5% for 1903 \$1. 51 s.
 Watkins, Ltd. \$ 10 \$1 per share for 1902 \$7
 Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. \$ 10 90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903 \$12
 Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. \$ 5 45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903 \$7
 Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd. \$ 10 10% div. and 1% bonus for 1902 \$145 b.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. \$ 50 \$10 for 1903 \$140 s.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd. \$ 25 15 per cent=\$3.75 for 1901 \$51
 Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd. \$ 25 Interim of \$12 making \$16 for 1903 \$230 ex div.
 Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. \$ 100 \$20 for year ending 31.11.1903 \$300
 Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. \$ 6 \$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903 \$12 1/2 b.
 Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd. \$ 10 Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902 \$40 s.
 Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd. \$ 12.6 \$5 s.
 United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd. \$ 4 90 cents for year ending 31.5.03 \$3 1/2 b.
 Do. Founders \$ 10 \$29.70 \$20 b.
 Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd. \$ 10 Final of 6% making 12% for year \$15 1/2 b.
 China Light & Power Co., Ltd. \$ 10 None \$5 b.
 William Powell, Ltd. \$ 10 \$1 for year ended 30.6.1903 \$10
 Maatschappij tot Mijn. Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited \$ 100 5th interim dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid 15.12.1903 making so far Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03 \$1. 300 b.
 Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd. \$ 50 First year \$50
 South China Morning Post, Ltd. \$ 25 First year \$25
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